Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota is known for its strong family traditions---family farms, family businesses, and family vacations; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for families to come together to share their experiences, exchange their life's stories and dreams, build life-long relationships, and discover their roots; and,

Whereas, The backbone of our nation is the strength and unifying permanence of the family unit; and,

Whereas, For most individuals, the family is a place of comfort and solace; it serves as our shelter and our guide down the pathways of life; and,

Whereas, Though the Hans Hanson family may be split apart in a geographical sense, distance cannot break the powerful bonds of emotional and spiritual togetherness; and,

Whereas, This truly devoted family travels every 3 years to a different location in the country in order to "keep the lines open," to share the pleasure and rewards of each others company, and to celebrate their lives and love for one another, and,

Whereas, On June 13-15, 2008, the Hans Hanson family will gather in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota, to partake in activities, fun, and frolic, and to pay homage to the past and renew its commitment to the future of the Hans Hanson name and all the great things that it represents:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 13-15, 2008, as

HANS HANSON FAMILY REUNION DAYS

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State